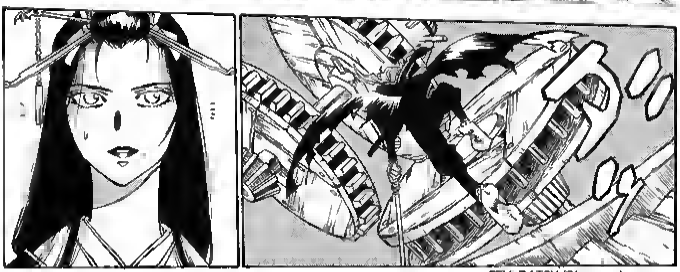
CHAPTER 3:
HORN LUMP

YAAAAA!!
COME, MONSTER!
AS SOMEONE FROM KATSURAGI...
JUUJIN ARE SOMETHING I'M TOO FAMILIAR WITH!!
Note: Juujin are "BEAST PEOPLE"

JI-HA-N
THE THIEF THAT RAN AWAY FROM YOU!!
SHI-RABA-DORA..
IT'S THAT BOY WITH HAIR LIKE AN IDLER, ISN'T IT?
HMM...
A SPY FROM SOME-WHERE?

I...
I'VE CAUGHT YOU!!
IT'S NOT EVEN BUDGING!
UGH!
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY'S MUSCLES?!
SFX. BAKI BAKI (WOOD BREAKING)
I DON'T LIKE THE MEN BECAUSE THEIR MEAT IS TOO HARD..
...BUT THE INTESTINES AND BRAINS ARE NOT BAD!!



SFX: DATSU (Stepping)

SFX. *DON*
SFX. *GARI GARI GARI*
GAAAAA
SFX. *ZUGATU*
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT—
I'VE HEARD FROM THE LATE MASTER
THAT THERE IS A GROUP OF NINJA OF THE KAMO FAMILY BASED AT KATSURAGI—

Note:
* Names of famous Japanese samurais
KAMO HAVE TIES TO FIGURES SUCH AS *MATSUDAICHI AND HONDA...
BUT FOR HIM TO BE A TOKUGAWA NINJA...
SHOULD I SAY HE'S TOO VIOLENT...
OR TOO BRASH...
HUMANS!!
WE DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS...
LOOKS USEFUL, DOESN'T HE...
BUT HE SEEMS TO BE PUTTING ON A GOOD FIGHT WITH THE OPPONENT BEING AN ANGAMAN *ORA...
HMMM...
I WONDER...
GAAA AAA
HMM...
Note: Ora is used in this manga for a demonic race

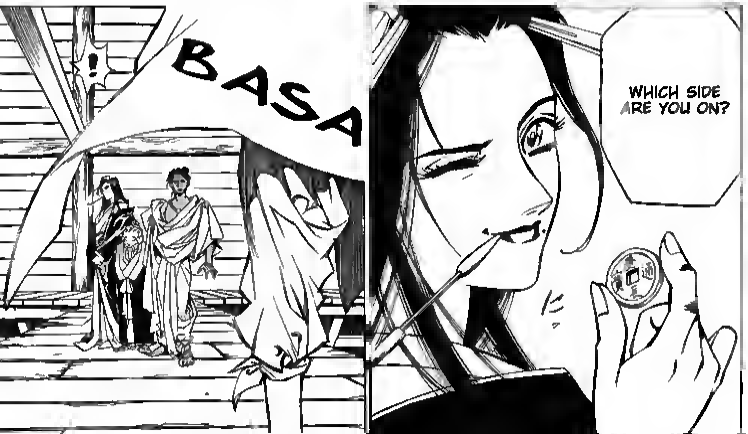
SHAAA
SFX *GAGAGAGAGA*
!
カカカカ!!
DAN
DAN

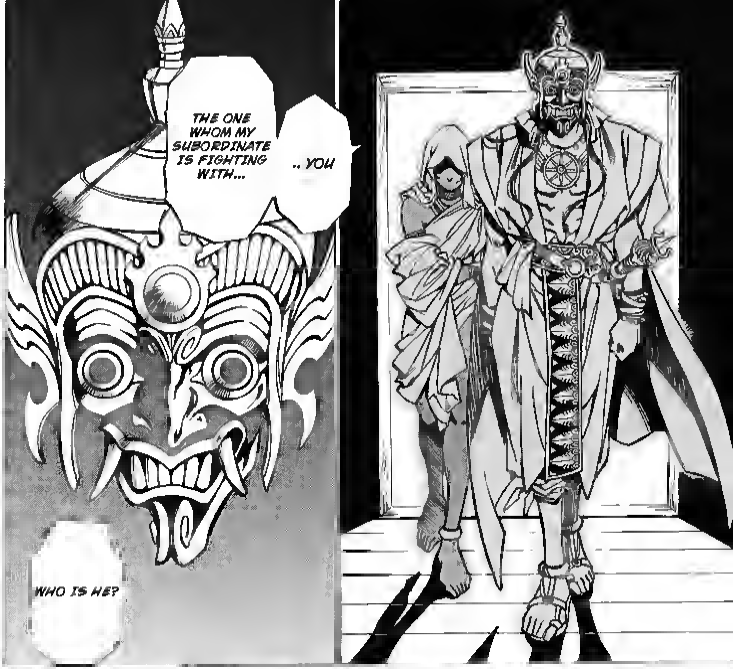
DIE, MONSTER!!!
SFX. *KA*
...
...HMMM...
I LIKE THIS BOY!
I WANT TO MAKE HIM MINE!

I CAN'T
CAN'T CUT THROUGH ?!
!!
SFX. *ZUDO*
SFX. *ROKI*
GEBO
JU JUST NOW...
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU STRIKE ME WITH ?
MY RIBS ARE BROKEN
SFX. *GATSUYATSU*

MY ELASTIC MUSCLES AND SCALES CAN'T GET CLOSE TO A BLADE...
BUT IF THEY DO, THEY CAN CATCH AND TWIST YOUR SWORD!

LOOKS LIKE HE HAS TO STRIKE AT A VITAL POINT...
Eyeballs... Philtrum... Throat...
RIGHT. BUT IF HE DOESN'T MAKE IT QUICK HE'LL RUN OUT OF STRENGTH
DONG FANG SHUO SHI-RA BADORA...
YES?

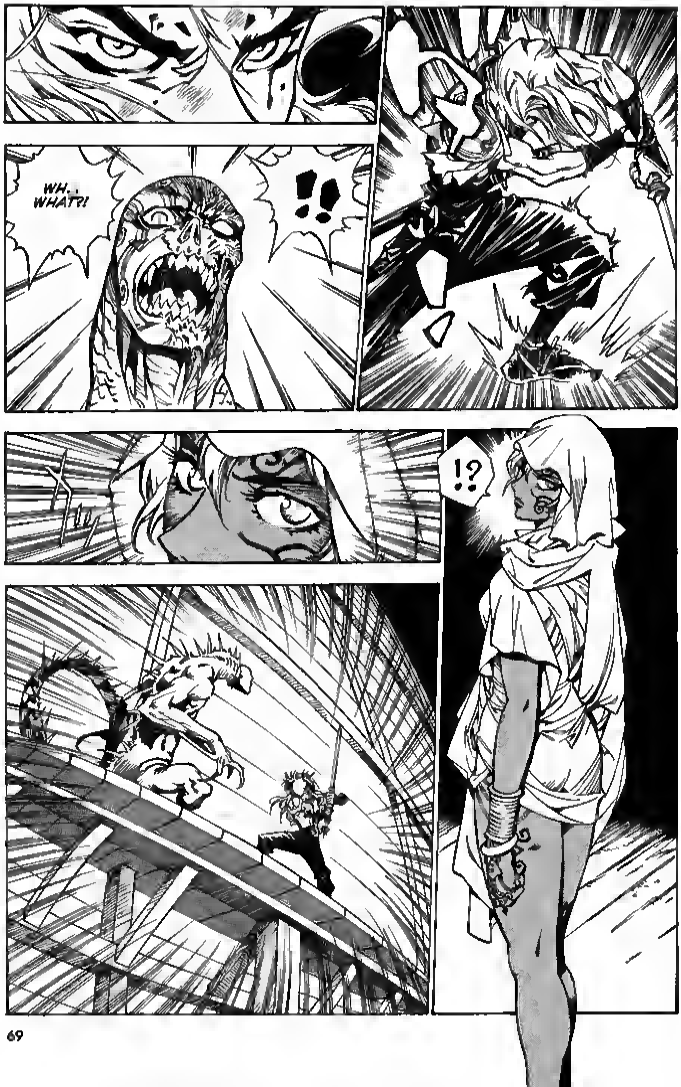

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?
BASA
!


THE ONE WHOM MY SUBORDINATE IS FIGHTING WITH...
.. YOU
WHO IS HE?

A THIEF, ASSASSIN, OR SPY
WE HAVE NO IDEA, EITHER
WELL..
HMM IN THAT CASE...
THERE ARE TOO MANY GUESSES
THERE IS NO NEED TO STOP MY SUBORDINATE, IS THERE?

IF HE'S AN ASSASSIN OR SPY THERE IS A NEED FOR US TO INVESTIGATE
IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR US TO HIRE A ROGUE WHO JUST BREAKS A PRISON AS HE PLEASES
THANKS FOR ANGAMAN'S GENEROSITY...
WELL...
ISN'T YOUR SERVANT APPEARING SLIGHTLY UNDISCIPLINED?
AND PRINCE...
BUT THE LONG BOAT TRIP HAS INCREASINGLY GLOOMED THE SPIRIT
I HAVE INDEED ORDERED HIM TO BE CAUTIOUS...
HUIHU...
AND THIS IS SOMETHING I WANT TO SEE AS RECREATION...

KISHAAAA
I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST A SAVAGE TRIBE, BUT THEY ARE TERRIBLY SMART!
THESE BAS-TARDS!
THEY HAVE SEEN THROUGH OUR COUNTRY'S SITUATION!
IF THE GOLD OUR COUNTRY PRODUCES...
IT WOULD BE VERY CHEAP, NO?
FLOWS INTO KANTOU...
SFX *BU*
SFX *O*


SFX. *DAN*
WH... WHAT?!
!?

!
KUNLUN HERMITS?!
RYUUKAKUSOU!
Note: Ryuu-kakusou is a tumor-like horn on the fore-head, a trait of the Kamo race
Y-YOU CAN'T BE ONE OF THE..

DAMN
NOW THAT YOU'VE DONE THIS, I CAN'T GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL PLAN.
BUT
I——N
KIIIIN
KIIIIN
KIIIIN
IMPOSSIBLE...! A SURGE OF SENSE MAGNIFICATION ...?!
YOU CAN DO THAT?!
WELL, THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!

NO!!
RUN, BIDIMUBA!
PIN

EH?!

SFX: *DOSA*
THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY...
OKAY, I'VE DECIDED...
SFX: *GAKU*
BIDIMUBA!!
DAMN, AS I THOUGHT, THIS IS TOO MUCH...
MY CONSCIOUSNESS IS GOING HAZY...
SFX: *BIKUN BIKUN*

SFX: *BA*
GA
SHA
!!

YOUR EXCELLENCY! YOU...!
DO YOU KNOW OF THE SNAPHANCE?
SFX: *GAOON*
KAA-

AH SHE'S DONE IT
WELL, I THOUGHT SHE WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT SOONER OR LATER
!
HUH?!

ARE THEY FIGHTING AMONGST THEMSELVES?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS A PRECIOUS LIFE...
OH WELL...
DAMN I'M GETTING AWFULLY SLEEPY...
ARE YOU PREPARED TO MAKE ANGAMAN YOUR ENEMY?
YOU...
TIME... TO BECOME ONE WITH THE EARTH...
IT IS YOU PEOPLE
WHO CAME TO OTHERS' COUNTRY AND SHOWED LITTLE MANNERS!
STX, *DOSA*

FROM NOW ON, WE ARE JUST PIRATES TO YOU!
THE TRANSAC-TION IS OVER!
SFX. *GAOON*
!
DA

B!
IS THIS YOUR PROCLAMATION OF WAR?! FINE!
I KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT YOU TRULY WANT TO OBTAIN
COME AND TRY TO CLAIM IT!

I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MEETING!
SFX: *RYU RYU* (FIRING SHURIKEN)
BAKI
KA
KA
KAON

THE ARMOR WAS ABLE TO SLOW THE BULLETS...
TO PREVENT THEM FROM HITTING MY INTESTINES...
HAA
HAA
I"M ALL RIGHT...
ZA
ZA
ZA
KOKI
GUGU
GARU-DA! WE'RE HEADING TO THE BOAT!
HAA
WHEN INTERFERING WITH SENSE MAGNIFICATION...
THE PHYSICAL EFFECT AND CAUSE ARE TOO GRAVE...
HAA
...THIS IS BAD
MY CONSCIOUSNESS IS BECOMING HAZY...
HAA

SFX:
VASA

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